

## Rural Advocacy Coordinator

### Position Description

This position focuses on ensuring that survivors of domestic and sexual violence who live in rural areas of Whatcom County have meaningful access to DVSAS services. This position will work to maintain a strong DVSAS presence in Whatcom County's rural areas by building and maintaining relationships with rural community leaders and groups, and by coordinating the delivery of outreach presentations and activities at events throughout the county. This position will provide crisis intervention and advocacy-based counseling services, ensuring that survivors can receive services directly in their communities.

### Responsibilities

The duties of this position include and are not limited to the following:

- Providing crisis intervention and advocacy-based counseling to clients living in rural Whatcom County at various locations, including immigrant communities that may speak limited English.
- Providing after-hour helpline coverage with other program staff on a rotation.
- Helping walk-in clients and helpline callers at the Downtown Support Center when needed.
- Coordinating rural community outreach, participating in tabling, training, and presentation opportunities at community events.
- Foster a network of support for DVSAS services by actively building professional relationships with individuals, groups, schools, local government officials, business owners, and others in rural Whatcom County communities.
- Maintaining professional relationships with other community service providers and systems, and ensuring that all program staff, interns, and volunteers are kept current on county-wide community resources.
- Maintaining accurate and up-to-date record-keeping for all client services and outreach activities.
- Participating in and presenting Advocacy Core Training sessions as assigned.
- Other duties that relate to the mission of DVSAS and the goals of this position as needed.



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### Qualifications & Requirements

- Bilingual Russian or Spanish strongly preferred.
- Bachelor's degree preferred, and/or two years relevant experience.
- Completion of (or willingness to complete) 42 hour advocacy counselor training
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with staff and community partners.
- Understanding of domestic violence and sexual assault and a strong desire to work with survivors.
- Initiative to learn and enhance skills that promote equity and an understanding of oppression and its impact on domestic/sexual violence.
- Experience and knowledge in local community service agencies.
- Access to reliable transportation.
- Competence in basic office management, record keeping, and computer skills.
- Commitment to respecting individual differences and serving diverse populations.
- Positive, problem solving attitude with a willingness to provide and seek guidance from team members.
- Passion for ending gender-based violence.
- DVSAS is committed to respecting and reflecting diversity. Survivors are encouraged to apply.

### DVSAS Mission

The mission of DVSAS is to support individuals affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexual exploitation, and to lead the community toward ending those abuses of power.

### Pay Range

This is a full time position that pays \$35,700 to \$45,900 per year. DVSAS offers a 5% premium for proficiency in Russian and/or Spanish languages.

### Employee Benefits

DVSAS offers employee medical benefits, retirement, an employee assistance program, paid sick leave, and paid vacation.

### How to Apply

Submit a resume and cover letter to [mtinsley@dvsas.org](mailto:mtinsley@dvsas.org).



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